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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re application of: Feisal Daruwalla et al.

Attorney Docket No.: CISC122/1242

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Title: Method for a Cable Modem to Rapidly  
Switch to a Backup CMTS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments:

**In the Specification:**

A1 At page 1, line 9, please replace "NETWORKS." with --NETWORKS, and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/\_\_\_\_\_ (attorney docket no. CISC130/WGM1343), filed on the same day as this patent application, naming Joanna Qun Zang, Feisal Daruwalla, James R. Forster, Guenter E. Roeck, Joseph B. O'Donnell, John Chen and Mark Millet as inventors, and titled "CABLE NETWORK REDUNDANCY ARCHITECTURE."--

**REMARKS**

ApplicantS believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a